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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action
mailed on January 15, 2003. Please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 12 and
ending on Page 5, line 20 as follows:

b' As shown, leading edge portions 206, 208 and trailing edge
portion 212 include an elevated SLIP interface 220, 222, 224
facing the disc surface as illustrated schematically, which
cooperatively form the dynamically imbalanced SLIP interface 202-
1 having a predicted tipped interface 204-1 at trailing edge
portion 210. The predicted tipped interface 204-1 includes a
textured interface surface 226 to provide a tribological surface
for stiction control as shown schematically. Thus, for contact
starts and stops, the supported slider 200-1 tips toward the
predicted tipped interface 204-1 at trailing edge portion 210 of
the slider 200-1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 21 and